

**RULES  
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TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES AGENCY  
WILDLIFE RESOURCES**

**CHAPTER 1660-1-8  
RULES AND REGULATIONS OF HUNTS**

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**1660-1-8-.01 REPEALED.**

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**1660-1-8-.03 PERMIT REQUIREMENTS - WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS, REFUGES AND OTHER AGENCY CONTROLLED LANDS.**

- (1) Permits (On Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges Where Permits Are Required).
  - (a) Before any person may hunt on a wildlife management area or refuge he must possess a valid and appropriate area hunt permit as specified in Items (2) and (3) below, except when exempt from doing so under the provisions of Item (1)(b) below. Such permits are not transferable.
  - (b) Hunt applicants or participants must be seventeen (17) years of age or over for hunting turkey, deer, bear and hog, except that youths, ages 6-16, may apply and participate if they are accompanied on the hunt by an adult, twenty-one (21) years of age or older. Youths under sixteen (16) years of age are exempt from purchasing an area hunt permit on all wildlife management areas and refuges when hunting any species except big game, but they must be accompanied on the hunt by an adult who possesses a valid hunt permit.
  - (c) A management area hunt permit is automatically voided when the permittee's bag limit is filled.
- (2) Reelfoot Preservation Permit.
  - (a) Before any person shall hunt, trap fish or participate in boating upon the waters or lands of Reelfoot Wildlife Management Area, including the washout and tailwaters downstream as marked, and that portion of the Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge in Tennessee, a Reelfoot Preservation Permit shall be carried on the person of said users when participating in the above mentioned activities for inspection by duly authorized officers.

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- (b) Exemptions - Persons exempt from the Reelfoot Preservation Permit requirement are those under sixteen (16) years of age, residents sixty-five (65) years of age or older, and holders of the adult Sportsman License or Lifetime Sportsman License.
- (3) Before any person, except those under 16 years of age hunting small game and waterfowl, may hunt on a wildlife management area or refuge, he must possess a permit as outlined below.
  - (a) A WMA Small Game permit is required on the following wildlife management areas and refuges:

AEDC	Cypress Pond	Natchez Trace
Alpine Mountain	Eagle Creek	New Hope
Arnold Hollow	Eagle Lake Refuge	Nolichucky
Bark Camp Barrens	Ernest Rice Sr.	Normandy
Barkley (Units I & II)	Foothills	North Chickamauga Creek
Bean Switch Refuge	Forks of the River	North Cumberland
Bear Hollow Mountain	Haley-Jaqueth	Oak Ridge
Beaver Dam Creek	Harmon Creek	Obion River
Big Sandy (including Gin Creek)	Haynes Bottom	Old Hickory (Units I, II, & III)
Black Bayou Refuge	Henderson Island Refuge	Old Hickory Lock 5 Refuge
Bogota	Hick Hill	Owl Hollow Mill
Bridgestone/Firestone	Hickory Flat	Pea Ridge
Centennial Wilderness	Hiwassee Refuge	Percy Priest (Units I & II)
Browntown	Holly Fork	Perryville
Buffalo Springs	Hop-In Refuge	Prentice Cooper
Camden (Units I & II)	Jackson Swamp	Rankin
Catoosa	Jarrell Switch Refuge	Shelton Ferry
Cedar Hill Swamp	John Tully	Tellico Lake
Charlotte Ann Finnell Neal	Kingston Refuge	Tie Camp
Cheatham	Kyker Bottoms Refuge	Tigrett
Cheatham Lake	Kyles Ford	The Boils
Chickamauga (Candies Creek,	Laurel Hill	Three Rivers
Johnson Bottoms, Rogers	Lick Creek	Watts Bar (Long Island Unit)
Creek, Yellow Creek Units)	Lick Creek Bottoms	West Sandy
Chuck Swan	Maness Swamp Refuge	White Lake Refuge
Cold Creek	Maple Springs	White Oak
Cordell Hull	Meeman-Shelby Forest	Williamsport
Cordell Hull Refuge	Mingo Swamp	Wolf River
Cove Creek	Moss Island	Woods Reservoir Refuge
C. M. Gooch	MTSU	Yanahli
Cummings Cove		Yuchi Refuge at Smith Bend

A WMA small game permit is required for individuals participating in dog training. A field trial permit is required on Percy Priest WMA and the Tellico Lake – McGhee-Carson Unit.

- (b) A WMA Small Game and Waterfowl permit is required for hunting waterfowl on the following wildlife management areas and refuges:

AEDC	Cummings Cove	Nolichucky
Barkley (Units I & II)	Ernest Rice Sr.	North Chickamauga Creek
Big Sandy (including Gin Creek)	Harmon Creek	Oak Ridge
Bogota	Haynes Bottom	Obion River
C.M. Gooch	Hiwassee Refuge	Old Hickory (Units I, II, & III)
Camden (Units I & II)	Holly Fork	Percy Priest (Units 1 & II)
Cedar Hill Swamp	Jackson Swamp	Shelton Ferry

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Charlotte Ann Finnell Neal	Jarrell Switch Refuge	The Boils
Cheatham Lake	Moss Island	Three Rivers
Chickamauga (Candies Creek, Johnson Bottoms, Rogers Creek, Yellow Creek Units)	Lick Creek	Tigrett
Cold Creek	Lick Creek Bottoms	Watts Bar (Long Island Unit)
Cordell Hull	Meeman-Shelby Forest	West Sandy
Cordell Hull Refuge	Mingo Swamp	White Oak
	Moss Island	Yanahli
	New Hope	Yuchi Refuge at Smith Bend

- (c) A WMA big game permit is required for hunting deer, bear, boar, feral hogs, and turkey on the following wildlife management areas and refuges:

AEDC	Eagle Creek	New Hope
Alpine Mountain	Eagle Lake Refuge	Nolichucky
Arnold Hollow	Ernest Rice Sr.	Normandy
Bark Camp Barrens	Fall Creek Falls State Park	North Chickamauga Creek
Barkley (Units I & II)	Foothills	North Cumberland
Bear Hollow Mountain	Forks of the River	Oak Ridge
Bean Switch Refuge	Gallatin Steam Plant	Obion River
Beaver Dam Creek	Harmon Creek	Old Hickory (Units I, II, & III))
Big Sandy (including Gin Creek)	Haynes Bottom	Old Hickory Lock 5 Refuge
Bogota	Henderson Island Refuge	Owl Hollow Mill
Bridgestone/Firestone	Hick Hill	Pea Ridge
Centennial Wilderness	Hickory Flat	Percy Priest (Units I & II)
Browntown	Hiwassee Refuge	Perryville
Buffalo Springs	Holly Fork	Prentice Cooper
C. M. Gooch	Hop-In Refuge	President's Island
Camden (Units I & II)	Jackson Swamp	Rankin
Catoosa	Jarrell Switch Refuge	Shelton Ferry
Cedar Hill Swamp	John Tully	Tellico Lake
Charlotte Ann Finnell Neal	Kingston Refuge	The Boils
Cheatham	Kyles Ford	Three Rivers
Cheatham Lake	Laurel Hill	Tie Camp WMA
Cherokee	Lick Creek	Tigrett
Chickamauga (Candies Creek, Johnson Bottoms, Rogers Creek, Yellow Creek Units)	Lick Creek Bottoms	Watts Bar (Long Island Unit)
Chuck Swan	Maness Swamp Refuge	West Sandy
Cold Creek	Maple Springs	White Lake Refuge
Cordell Hull	Meeman-Shelby Forest	White Oak
Cordell Hull Refuge	Mingo Swamp	Williamsport
Cove Creek	Moss Island	Wolf River
Cummings Cove	MTSU	Woods Reservoir Refuge
Cypress Pond	Natchez Trace	Yanahli
	Nathan B. Forrest State Historical Area	Yuchi Refuge at Smith Bend

- (d) A WMA Small Game or WMA Small Game and Waterfowl permit is required to trap on all areas that require a small game hunting permit.

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#### **1660-1-8-.05 PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND DRAWINGS.**

- (1) Quota big game hunt drawings
  - (a) Each individual desiring to participate in a managed quota deer, bear, turkey, or wild boar hunt, or in a statewide special season quota hunt, must complete an application supplied by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, except as indicated in items (i), (j), and (k) below. Applications will be available only at locations and during periods as designated by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.
  - (b) Applicants may submit only one application, except youths six (6) through sixteen (16) years of age may apply for one additional young sportsman hunt on management areas. If an individual's name (except youths applying for one additional young sportsman hunt as noted above) appears on more than one application, that individual will be rejected, his permit fee forfeited, and will be subject to prosecution.
  - (c) For quota big game hunts on wildlife management areas, applicants must be at least six (6) years of age prior to the date of the hunt.
  - (d) All information requested on the application must be completed by the applicant. Failure to clearly specify all information will result in the application being returned.
  - (e) Applications must be received by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency as specified on the application. Applications received after this deadline will be returned.
  - (f) All persons wishing to hunt together as a party must submit their applications as one unit, indicating identical hunt choices on all individual applications. The number of applicants comprising a party may not exceed fifteen (15) members. If the number of

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applicants exceeds the maximum party size, all applications of that party will be returned.

- (g) Each application must be accompanied by appropriate fees for each applicant thereon. Unsuccessful applicants will be reimbursed their fee.
  - (h) Priority drawings and procedures for qualifying with priority status will be established as indicated on applications.
  - (i) A drawing will be held to determine successful applicants. If unfilled hunt quotas exist after the regular drawing a vacancy drawing or drawings will be held to fill those vacancies. Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified by mail.
  - (j) When vacancies exist following the drawing(s), quotas will be filled by issuing permits to any applicant, on a first-come, first-served basis at Regional Offices, Nashville Office, and at other locations as designated by the Agency. Permits are not transferable. An individual may obtain up to fifteen (15) permits for himself or for other individuals at one time, but will be allowed only one (1) permit per person for each available hunt, until all persons waiting in line at that location have had an opportunity to select permits.
  - (k) Land Between the Lakes quota hunt drawings – Individuals desiring to participate in a quota hunt on Land Between the Lakes must submit an application as instructed by the USDA Forest Service.
  - (l) Individuals who qualify to hunt and fish without a license under the terms of T.C.A. §70-2-204 are not required to obtain a permit in order to participate in special season deer or turkey hunts while hunting on lands referred to in T.C.A. §70-2-204.
- (2) Waterfowl blind drawing and allocation procedure on wildlife management areas.
- (a) Permanent blind sites will be allocated by hand-held drawings for the wildlife management areas: Barkley-Units I and II, Big Sandy (including Gin Creek Unit), Camden-Units I and II, Cheatham Lake, Cordell Hull, Gooch-Unit A, Harmon's Creek, Haynes Bottom, Old Hickory-Units I and II, Reelfoot (except as provided in Rule 1660-1-2-.02), Tigrett, West Sandy, and Woods Reservoir of A.E.D.C.
  - (b) Each individual desiring to participate in the waterfowl blind drawing must complete an application supplied by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Each individual wishing to compete in the drawing must appear in person at the designated location. Applications must be submitted between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. (local time) on the first Saturday in August.
  - (c) No individual may apply for more than one area. One application is permitted per person. Each applicant must be at least sixteen (16) years of age to compete in the drawing or sign-on.
  - (d) Individuals must produce the following licenses and permits in order to compete in the drawing:
 

All areas (except Reelfoot)-Annual Hunting and Fishing License, Annual Small Game and Waterfowl Permit, or Sportsman License, or any Lifetime Sportsman License.

Reelfoot - Annual Hunting and Fishing License, Annual Reelfoot Preservation Permit, Annual Waterfowl License or Sportsman License, or any Lifetime Sportsman License.

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- (e) Applications will be drawn in order to establish priorities for of blind sites. All participants wishing to sign-on with a successful applicant must do so when he makes his/her choice of blind sites. An individual's application for blind selection is immediately voided when he/her signs-on with another applicant. All Individuals wishing to sign-on must possess the necessary licenses and permits indicated in subparagraph (d). Individuals desiring to sign-on must be present.
  - (f) Permits for blinds will be issued at the time of the drawing. For cancelled or unbuilt blinds, permits will be issued as selected in subparagraph (e).
  - (g) No person shall buy, sell, barter, loan or transfer under any theory of law, or offer to buy, sell, barter, loan or transfer under any theory of law, a waterfowl draw blind site permit or the privilege of signing on a waterfowl draw blind site permit issued pursuant to this rule. Any person violating this rule and regulation is subject to have his/her permit and/or hunting privileges revoked in addition to other penalties as prescribed by law.
- (3) Waterfowl hunt drawing and allocation procedure on Bogota Wildlife Management Area (except Pool 1).
  - (a) Each individual desiring to participate in a quota waterfowl hunt must make application at times specified and as per instructions supplied by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.
  - (b) Applicants may apply only once per year. If more than one application is received per hunter, that individual will be rejected, his fee forfeited, and he will be subject to prosecution.
  - (c) Youths under sixteen (16) years of age, on or before the day of the hunt, may apply; however, they must apply in a party of at least one adult twenty-one (21) years of age or older.
  - (d) All information requested at the time of application must be completed; provided, failure to specify all information will result in the application being rejected.
  - (e) The number of applicants comprising a party may not exceed four (4) members.
  - (f) Each application must be accompanied by a \$10.00 non-refundable handling fee for each applicant, except Sportsman License holders and persons possessing a type 167 permit.
  - (g) Successful applicants must also possess appropriate licenses and permits in order to participate in the hunts.
  - (h) Priority drawings and procedures for qualifying with priority status will be established as indicated by TWRA.
  - (i) A computer drawing will be held to determine successful applicants. Any vacancies will not be filled for that hunt date.
- (4) Cherokee Special Hunts (Cherokee Wildlife Management Area in designated Areas).
  - (a) Cherokee special hunts consist of Party Dog Hunts.
  - (b) No person may apply on more than one application. If two or more applications are received representing one individual, all applications of that individual will be rejected,

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the permit fee forfeited, and will be subject to prosecution. Applications must be postmarked no later than the date specified. Persons applying for party hunts may also apply for quota big game hunts subject to rules found in paragraph (1). Quota big game hunt applicants may also apply for party hunts. Persons are limited to one Party Hunt vacancy permit per hunt year.

- (c) The party application shall contain a minimum of fifty (50) members and a maximum of seventy-five (75). All information requested on the application must be completed for all party applicants. Each applicant must submit the applicable permit fee. All individuals without appropriate licenses/fees will be deleted from the party. Non-residents may purchase the appropriate license after arrival in Tennessee. If the number of valid applicants on a single application falls below the minimum of fifty (50), the entire party will be deleted from the drawing.
  - (d) A drawing will be held to determine the successful party applicants, hunt areas, and hunt dates. The first drawn and in subsequent order will be given their choice of the compartment and hunt date as specified on their application. Vacant hunts remaining after the drawing will not be issued and the area will be closed to big game hunting during that specific hunt.
  - (e) The party leader may request no substitutions for members of the party who cannot appear, but may request vacancy permits providing the number does not increase the party beyond seventy-five (75) members. The party leader shall send all the hunter information requested on the vacancy application and the applicable fees for each permit requested. No blank permits will be issued. The deadline for requesting vacancy permits shall be fourteen days prior to the hunt date.
- (5) WMA Quota Hunts First-Come, First-Served Permits
- (a) WMAs with specific compartments, as identified in proclamation, will have permits allocated through designated locations as authorized by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission.
  - (b) Permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis until all permits have been issued.
  - (c) No individual license holder may obtain more than one (1) permit per hunt.
- (6) Reserved
- (7) Reserved
- (8) Issuance of miscellaneous quota permits not governed by existing regulations.
- (a) Special hunts which require hand-held drawings may be identified by means of annual Proclamation, times, dates, and locations of these drawings will also be identified.
  - (b) All information requested on the application must be completed by the applicant.
  - (c) If an individual's name appears on more than one application, that individual will be rejected.
  - (d) A random drawing will be utilized to determine successful applicants.
  - (e) Applications will be drawn in order to establish priorities for choice of blind sites. All participants wishing to sign on with a successful applicant must do so when he makes

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his/her choice of blind sites. An individual's application for blind selection is immediately voided when he/she signs on with another applicant. All individuals wishing to sign on must possess the necessary licenses and permits indicated in subparagraph (d). Individuals desiring to sign-on must be present.

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